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Dear Abbey,

Perhaps I misunderstood your letter.

I thought you intended calling~~s~~.

I'll be glad to do the show by phone and the earlier hour is better for me.

Stations have been better than ever in telling audiences where they can get the book and the price. This not only eliminates the futility for the audiences and me that results from bookstores not having a front-page item, it also saves an enormous amount of wasted work for both, lettees of inquiry and responses. Now I'm just packaging and sending the book as letters, with checks, come in.

Some listeners are so pleased they write to say they never had such fast response on anything. This is because I really have no choice. If I don't take care of each day's mail as it come in it becomes an awful problem.

Jim and I have a very long way to go before we pay back just what was borrowed for paying the printer. There were many other costs plus a very considerable amount of work and we did all this when we had no income.

The book and the transcript have been accepted as significant documents. And for the first time in 11 years the news stories have been straight. I'Ve not seen, heard or a single snide remark. I hope this means that the media have learned from Watergate that what I've been exposing about government is its way and its way has to be changed for there to be a decent society.

What everyone approves is going to the extra cost of reproducing double-spaced documents in facsimile rather than using half the space by retyping. Facsimiles show the people that these are authentic, untouched documents, the real thing. They eliminate any question of authenticity in the minds of those unwilling to believe, too.

One college is already using it in the history dept. (government), with The Politics of Lying.

Treament in newspapers ranged to more than 40 col inches on page one in Sacramento, Calif. of the Wx Post's syndicated story. I presume AP's and UPI's got good use. I've heard of some.

More broadcasts by phone that ever, news and talk shows. Did Hawaii yesterday a.m., talk show. Dallas until midnight night before.

It is tiring added to a long working day but it is worth it because it reaches many people and it is the only way we have to let them know the book is available. And the object of writing a serious work is to inform.

So, please tell your people to just pick a night and let me know. (And not forget themselves!)

Best,